

REMARKS

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

In order to make the claims of this PCT application conform to a format more appropriate for the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Applicants' attorney has made amendments to the claims as indicated above. These amendments are fully supported by the specification and introduce no new matter (see, e.g. the original claims and the paragraph [12] of the specification).

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

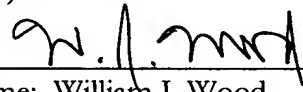
It is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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